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COAL SITUATION IMPROVES

Crisis May Mean Cut In Meat Rations

London, Feb. 18. Britons already frustrated by coal shortages, electricity cuts and slender rations, were told to-night that their slim candy and meat rations may be cut still further.

The Food Minister, Mr John Strachey, said at a press conference that the 100% cut in electricity to industries in a wide belt of England had shut down candy factories. As a result, he said, the candy ration of 12 ounces per month to adults and one pound a month to those under 10 probably would have to be reduced.

Mr Strachey also warned that if Dominion dock stoppages continued, the meat ration would have to be reduced again. The present meat ration consists partly of corned beef.

The Food Ministry later announced that current ration coupons for soap, meat and other foods which shops could not honour because of shortages may be used in the next period, beginning March 2. Transportation delays because of the freezing weather were believed responsible for the shortages.

COAL PRODUCTION UP

Mr Strachey's news was given one day before he was scheduled to leave for America and shortly before 10 Downing Street issued a statement that coal production had increased despite difficult conditions since the emergency power restrictions began eight days ago.

The statement said Mr Attlee would speak in the Commons on the situation and reported that more than 230,000 tons of coal had been saved since restrictions began.

The statement said coal deliveries to London by sea during the last three days had been 25% above the daily average for the winter, but warned that severe weather conditions still would make the situation difficult.

It contained no indication when electricity restrictions would be lifted. The weather forecast was still very cold and frosty for most areas.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

TWO MILLION OUT OF WORK

London, Feb. 18. When Premier Attlee addresses Parliament to-morrow on the fuel crisis, it is expected that he will give an indication of the date and speed at which industry will resume work.

An official statement issued by the Government to-night showed that the paralysis of the different branches of industry through the holdup of coal has thrown over 2,000,000 people out of work.

The statement was issued after a meeting of the joint committee of ministers and representatives of the Coal Board, the Central Electricity Board and the Railways Executive Committee set up by the Prime Minister to take decisions and coordinate action on the coal emergency.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Kowloon Electricity Charges

MR F. C. Clemo made out a good case in defence of the China Light Co's refusal to reduce electricity charges when he addressed the newly formed Kowloon Chamber of Commerce. His remarks constituted an explanation rather than an argument, bolstered by the promise that after new machinery had been put into operation this year, the company would do its utmost to meet public wishes and bring down its charges. If he had cared to be tactless, he might also have reminded his listeners that the agitators against existing electricity charges have not been the domestic consumers, but, in the initial stages, restaurant owners, who probably have less to complain about than most other businessmen to-day. This is not intended to infer that Kowloon householders are happy about present electricity rates; they will welcome any relief in the form of reductions, and they will expect the China Light to fulfil its promise before the year is out.

Some of the points emphasized by Mr Clemo to illustrate the difficulties under which the company has been operating since September, 1945 have long been appreciated by the general public and have been primarily responsible for tempering criticism of electricity charges operative in Kowloon. But the revelation that the company is being robbed of 400,000 units a month by consumers who contrive to "milk" the current at the expense of the metres is startling and adds a new tone to the whole picture. This type of thieving is specially deplored because it penalizes a community. It was rampant during the occupation days, and was then justified, because the Japanese made no serious attempt to sustain a service, and householders were thrown back on their own resourcefulness in obtaining whatever light and power they could. This is no longer tenable. Whatever other criticism there might be of the China Light, it must be acknowledged that the company has performed a splendid job during the past 10 months in reserving Kowloon with electricity. It is the duty of the company, however, to take every step to track down these thieves, for it is fair to assume that the sooner these scoundrels are now being sent to justice, the sooner will punishment be made in electricity charges.

Power Stations Have 11 Days' Supply

London, Feb. 18.

Britain's fuel crisis is gradually lifting. Coal stocks are being built up and transport from pits-heads to power stations is returning to normal. At to-day's Ministry of Fuel press conference it was disclosed that coal stocks of electricity power stations have risen a further 36,000 tons and now stand at 11 days' supply.

Gas stocks in London, area of greatest shortage, are now enough for ten days, compared with slightly over nine in the middle of last week.

Although cold weather is persisting and forecasts are that it will continue, the movement of coal by road, rail and sea is flowing smoothly.

London's temperature at 5 p.m. to-day was 26 degrees Fahrenheit, one degree lower than at the same time yesterday and three degrees lower than at mid-day.

Another 14,000 workers will join the two million thrown out of work by the coal crisis when the Ford Works at Dagenham close down on Thursday. The workers will be suspended, not dismissed, and will be paid an allowance as well as unemployed insurance benefit. The decision to close the Works was taken to-day because of the shortage of small parts made by firms subject to fuel restrictions.

The gloomy prediction followed the delay of 15 British coal ships to North-eastern ports through heavy seas.

A spokesman for the Fuel and Power Ministry said late to-day, however, that all but three of the held-up ships had left Seaford docks in Durham County and coal movements by sea had returned to the rapid rate of the past few days.

SHOPS FLOODED

A watermain burst in the City of London this morning, sending streams of water swirling down the Farringdon Road. Shops were flooded to a depth of six feet and soon afterwards the wet road began to freeze.

Improved weather off the east coast and in the Thames estuary enabled colliers to arrive almost normally, although heavy seas are keeping 15 ships in Durham.

Eleven other men, flying in two navy transports, roared across the Pole at exactly 5 a.m. Little America time (11 a.m. EST) on February 14 at an altitude of 12,000 feet above sea level—only 2,400 feet above the snow which forms the core of the great Antarctic ice-cap.

The two planes which crossed the Pole were the last of 10 to leave Little America in a virtual parade of exploration which began on the morning of Valentine Day. Never before in history have frontiers of the unknown shrunk so rapidly.

Ten planes flying in pairs discovered and wrote into maps two previously unknown mountain masses of major dimensions. The total effect of their effort is still being assessed and will be announced later.

ADMIRAL BYRD FLIES 81 MILES BEYOND THE POLE

Fifty New Mountains Discovered

Little America, Feb. 18.

Admiral Richard Byrd, leading two planes over the Pole into territory never before seen by man. The planes circled the world in 10 minutes, following each other in a great arc 2,400 feet above the smooth, metallic snows of a high plateau 12,000 feet above sea level, which is the South Pole.

Adm Byrd, leaning from the hatch of the lead plane, dropped a cardboard bundle of small six-inch flags of each of the United Nations, thus inaugurating the first international aspect in South Polar exploration.

As the result of his new discovery of 75,000 square miles of territory with 50 new mountains, which can now be placed on charts, Adm Byrd reported there is no break in the great ice-cap at the bottom of the world.

Visibility was 100 miles, which is almost unparalleled flying weather, and enabled the Byrd Expedition to make 10 flights over hundreds of unknown glaciers and mountainous, all of which were carefully photographed, leading Adm Byrd to say: "We saw more in few minutes than previous explorers learned in years of struggle."

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PRESS CONFERENCE

At a press conference after his return, Adm Byrd commented: "Mountains that do not show on the map are everywhere but there."

Two polar planes flew south to Wade Glacier, then up the glacier to the South Polar plateau and on to the Pole. Returning they descended from the Polar plateau at a point between Wade and Bearmore glaciers.

It was so cold that the automatic pilots failed to work and the pilots and co-pilots were forced to steer the planes manually all the way.

At the press conference Adm Byrd said: "We had to violate flying rules to make that altitude, 14,000 feet, but it was necessary. If we had stayed within the prescribed altitude none of our planes ever would have gotten over the mountains into unexplored territory on any flight. You cannot get through those mountains and you have got to get high to get over them."

Adm Byrd wrote a personal message to Admiral of the Fleet Chester Nimitz at the Pole. He was so cold he was forced to print the message in half-inch high block letters on the back of a folded map and finished the message about a foot and a half long.

The Chinese request which was forwarded to Nimitz through the UNRRA Director in China and the State Department seeks the sale of \$200,000,000 worth of UNRRA goods to bolster its tottering economy.

Members of the nine-nation Central Committee which has final authority in all policy decisions of UNRRA were notified of the meeting by telephone late to-day.

UNRRA sources declined to confirm or deny that the Chinese request had prompted the hurried call session but opined that "it was likely". It is understood that Mr Roeks, because of the sensational and unprecedented nature of the Chinese request, believes it is a matter which only the Central Committee can decide.

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SOLDIERS INJURED BY LANDMINE

Jerusalem, Feb. 19.

Three British soldiers were injured when their truck was blasted by a landmine near Jerusalem and at least five other explosions were reported in the troubled Holy Land.

An official announcement said one of the three soldiers, a sergeant, was seriously hurt and that the truck was demolished. The landmine was a crude affair made from beer bottles filled with explosives and detonated electrically from a nearby field.

The two other soldiers were less seriously injured and the driver of the truck escaped unharmed.

Officials said a railway line near Nablus, north of Jerusalem, was damaged by another blast. Unconfirmed reports of four or more explosions in the country-side said there was "no loss of life".

Jerusalem was battered down completely with virtually all movement halted.

Officers in charge of road blocks leading to the newly-created "residential security compounds" stood with drawn side-arms. The compounds, taken over from Jewish residents and barricaded with barbed wire, now house British citizens.

The new outbreak of violence occurred a few hours after the newly-appointed British military commander, Maj-Gen Macmillan had ordered the postponement of executions of three young Jews sentenced to death for underground activity.—Associated Press.

AUSTRALIA AND REPARATIONS

Canberra, Feb. 18.

Australia is disturbed at America's attitude on reparations from Japan, it was learned in official quarters to-day.

Australia wants reparations to be made an integral part of the peace settlement but the United States is anxious to make immediate arbitrary allocations, it was said.

As a result America and Russia are expected to secure the lion's share while Australia is "frozen out."

The Australian view is that she was second only to the United States in the role played by the Allies in the Pacific war.

Australia fully realises that Britain was preoccupied elsewhere and was facing an acute manpower shortage which let her no alternative but to retire from participation in Pacific affairs, leaving them mainly to America, it was added.—Itinerer.

Dean Acheson Defended By General Marshall

Washington, Feb. 18.

The United States Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, "spoke in line of duty", when he described Russia's foreign policy as "aggressive and expanding", according to General George Marshall, the American Secretary of State in reply to Russia's protest.

The conduct of the Under-Secretary in answering questions frankly and in accordance with his conscience, cannot be described as unkindable", he added.

"You characterised the content of his statement as rude slander and hostile to the Soviet Union. Under our standards restrained comment on the matter of public policy is not slander. Therefore I know that on second thought you will do attribute hostility to frankness."

General Marshall's reply is interpreted here as meaning a rejection by the United States of the Soviet protest.

"It, therefore, means and agreements can be found when there is hope that there will be no major clash. If they cannot be found then I think the situation is very serious."

Reuter.



ADMIRAL BYRD

PALESTINE

Mr. Bevin's Statement To Commons

London, Feb. 18.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, told the House of Commons to-day that Britain would submit the Palestine problem to the judgment of the United Nations with the explanation that her mandate was unworkable.

"We do not intend ourselves to recommend any particular solution," Mr Bevin said.

He said he believed there would be great difficulty in placing the matter before the United Nations before the scheduled Assembly meeting next September.

Mr Bevin made "one further appeal" to the United States and other countries in the world to help the British with the problem of the Jews and Arabs in Palestine.

He said: "We have been making great difficulty in placing the matter before the United Nations without attempting to solve these differences," reported Mr Bevin. "I know the cost.

I know the difficulty, but if we handle this well at the United Nations and exercise care and in the end the problems of the Arabs and Jews can be settled in some way after 2,000 years of conflict, the 12 months will not have been wasted."

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Mr Bevin opened his statement with a confession of the failure of the Government's separate discussions in London with Arab and Jewish leaders.

He said, "It has become clear that there is no prospect of reaching by this means any settlement which would be even broadly acceptable to the two communities in Palestine."

Mr Bevin said both the Arabs and the Jews had rejected the Polar plateau, for the 180th meridian, and rode straight down to the Pole. After circling the Pole, they continued their course 81 miles past the Pole, veered 86 miles to the right and then turned back to Little America.

Adm Byrd said if there had been any mountain within 100 miles of the Pole in any direction they could have seen it. However, they saw no break in the unending flat expanse of the Polar ice-cap which comprises the world's largest and highest plateau.

"We could see for hundreds of miles to the left as we crossed the Pole and 181 miles beyond the Pole and 186 miles to the right of the Pole," Adm Byrd said.

Because every direction at the South Pole is north, Adm Byrd gave the directions as "right" and "left" from his planes; alternately southward and northward course across the Pole, rather than using compass directions.

He said the Arabs put forward an alternative proposal for a unitary state which would achieve early independence with a permanent Arab majority, but this was rejected by the Jews. While the Jews did not advance any plan of their own, Mr Bevin said, they said they were prepared to consider partition of Palestine providing for a Jewish state.

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SAFETY LEVEL BY FRIDAY

London power stations were expected to reach the safety level for fuel reserves by Friday and other points through the country reported that reserve stocks had climbed to over 11 days' supplies.

Industrial sources said, however, that even if many plants reopen on Monday as expected, the crisis has prevented Britain from reaching her 1947 export target. It was believed the Opposition leader, Mr Winston Churchill, would demand censure of the Government if the White Paper failed to prescribe a remedy for Britain's industrial plight.

A War Office spokesman announced that by to-morrow morning 3,200 Army trucks manned by 2,000 soldiers would be hauling coal from Nottinghamshire pits to power stations and gasworks.

About 800 men on the job now.

In Northern Ireland, the Ministry of Commerce announced that electricity cuts similar to those in force in England would be put into effect during certain hours of the day and that use of power for entertainment of sports before four p.m. would be prohibited.

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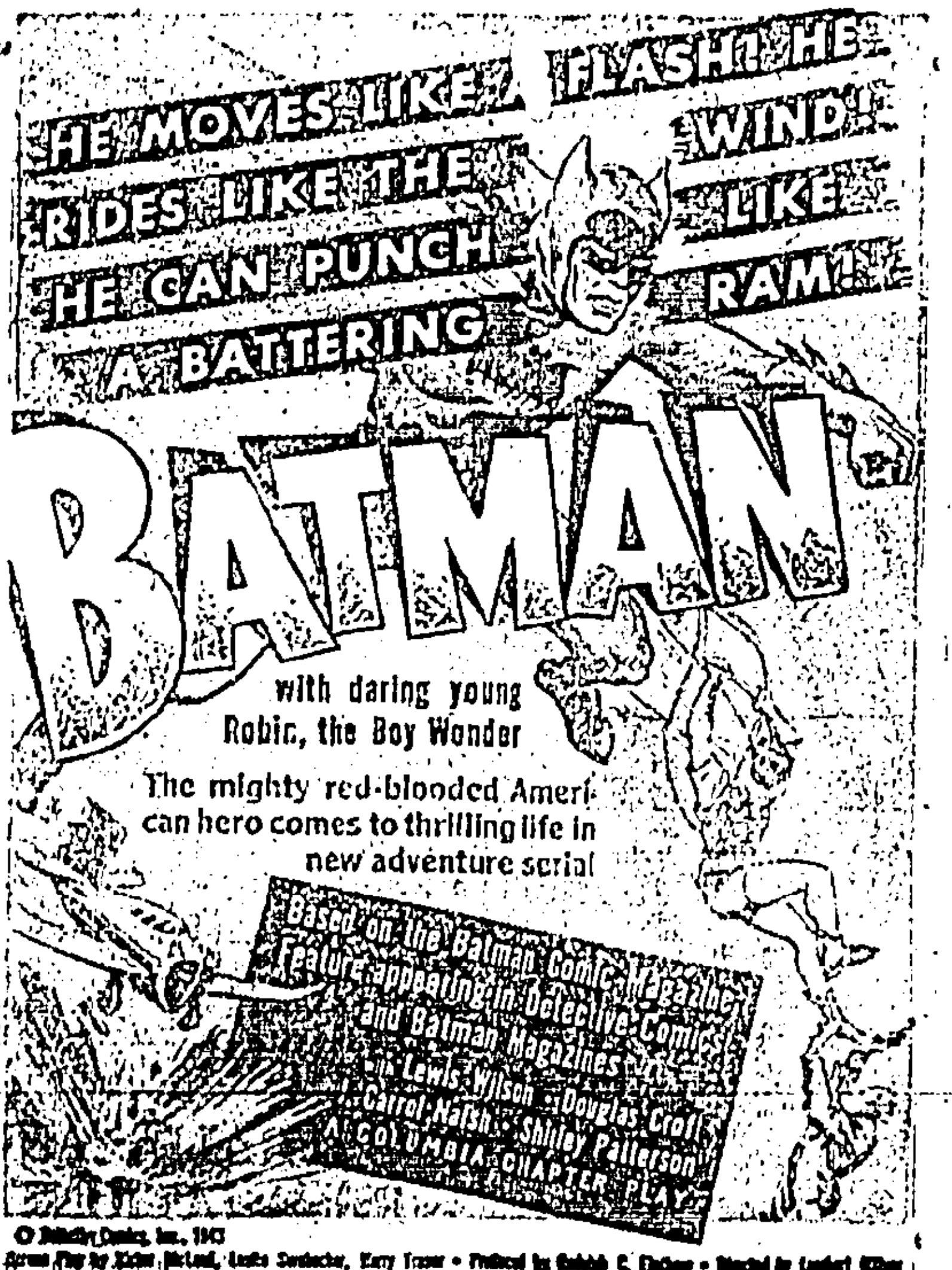
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HENRY TRAVERS LOIS COLLIER JOE CARTER

Next Change: "LAURA"

At 2.30, 5.15.
7.15 & 9.15 p.m.**POCKET CARTOON**"Now, just tell me what
it is that's unusual about
your act, Mr. Kelton."**WILLIAM HICKEY****CRICKET
MATCH****T**HERE is a big gap in the collection of 3,000 sporting prints and paintings which Mr. **WALTER HUTCHINSON** is going to put on permanent exhibition in Derby House. He has only three or four cricketing subjects.Renson is that the first Sir **Jeremiah Colman** had a passion for cricket equalled only by his love of orchids.

He spent years and a lot of money getting together the country's finest collection of cricketing pictures and prints. There are more than 200, and the full collection has never been publicly exhibited.

I talked with the present Sir **Jeremiah Colman** at his home near Buntingtoke, and he has decided to hang in Derby House, subject only to a first choice by Lord's. If they want a few."

This is a fine, sporting gesture, and will make the gallery the most complete of its kind."

When I told Mr. Hutchinson, who was ill in bed, he was so delighted that, in appreciation, he proposes to lend to Colman the Constable which he recently acquired for £43,000, "to hang in his house until the gallery is ready."

IN London recently was **A. PRIOR KNOCK** and he is A.D.C. to Prince Erik of Denmark, which seems so right.**S**TRANGER in town the other day was the almost forgotten, nearly legendary **JIMMY THOMAS**, up from retirement in Wales to be re-elected vice-chairman of the Crystal Palace trustees. The bollard shirts have passed into smoking-room history. He has had the job for 12 years, the vestige of his greatness, and he cherishes the confidence reposed in him.Welcoming, Lord **AMMON** said: There is only one Jimmy Thomas and we would not like to lose him."

Still rubicund, full of the joy of life and still smoking the familiar cigar, Jimmy rose quietly and remarked: "This is not a speech, but just to say that I am not dead yet."

MEN of the Royal Navy threw a party in London for silvery, effervescent Dr **ALICE NORTH**. She is "Doc" to 127 sailors and Marines who convalesced in her country home at Castine, Maine, U.S.A., and added one ton to the weight of naval personnel.**N**EWEST contribution to that senseless controversy about who wrote Shakespeare if he didn't is a pamphlet by **WILLIAM MARGIE** who, among other things, is chairman of the South London Immortals' Club. He has one sound observation:

"It is often said that it does not matter who wrote the plays. It does matter. If it was ever proved that Shakespeare was a fraud half the shopkeepers at Stratford would be ruined and the directors of the annual festival would look silly."

That's sense.

ILLUSTRATING every-day atoms, a bottle of whisky with the eye-catching tag, "I'm made of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen atoms," was on show when the Atomic Age exhibition opened in London. It vanished. Yet a scientist would have known that the arrangement of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen atoms was the only difference between whisky and this cold tea.**F**AREWELL quip by **GEORGE MUMFORD** on leaving Fleet-street after 40 years as a London reporter:

"Londoners want to know about London because most of them come from the provinces."

STATE of retail business as seen in the U.S.A.:

1941: The customer was always right.

1942: The customer was always left.

1943-4: Unless you make the customer right you won't have a customer left.

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NANCY Matter of Direction**Sitting on the Fence:****OLD MOORE GUBBINS
CASTS A HOROSCOPE****U**NDER the baleful influence of social restrictions and malnutrition, Nathaniel Gubbins, famous humorist, offers to his unhappy reader his gloomy predictions for the next five years. Only those of strong, resolute character and independent spirit, impervious to the mass suggestion of sickly prophets, should read these prophecies.**1951** WILL see Britain an armed camp again.

The constant threat of war because a Frenchman has tripped up a Russian in the dark or slapped an Italian's face or kicked an Albanian in the pants will call for permanent mobilisation.

This will not only mean the end of the export drive but the end of the middle classes, who will go on strike at last.

With income tax at 15% in the £ and surtax at £1 £ after the first £500, it won't be worth while doing anything but hump meat around Smithfield Market.

But as we shan't be able to buy meat from abroad and no British farmers will be too disheartened by taxation to grow it, and nobody will be able to afford it anyway, the Smithfield job won't be worth while either.

At first the strike of the middle classes will be a joke among the masses.

It will be a joke until there are no doctors to attend the sick, no dentists to pull an aching tooth, no lawyers (perhaps they won't mind that so much) to administer the law, no architects to design houses and public buildings, no theatres, no cinemas, no radio to entertain, no pictures to see, no music to hear, and no newspapers to print the news.

All this might be borne except that publicans, who also belong to the middle classes, will be on strike, too. With income tax at that rate it won't be worth while opening the pubs.

This is where the joke ends, except that income tax officials will come out with other members of the middle classes.

Meanwhile sugar will be piling up in the streets, stopping all traffic. But it will still be rationed. No laundry will be returned to anybody and desperate, dirty, half-naked businessmen will be charging barrel-loads of laundry in the face of intense machine-gun fire from embattled laundresses, shooting at them from the roof, windows and weapon pits.

The German Army, 10,000,000 strong, will be the best fed and equipped in the world.

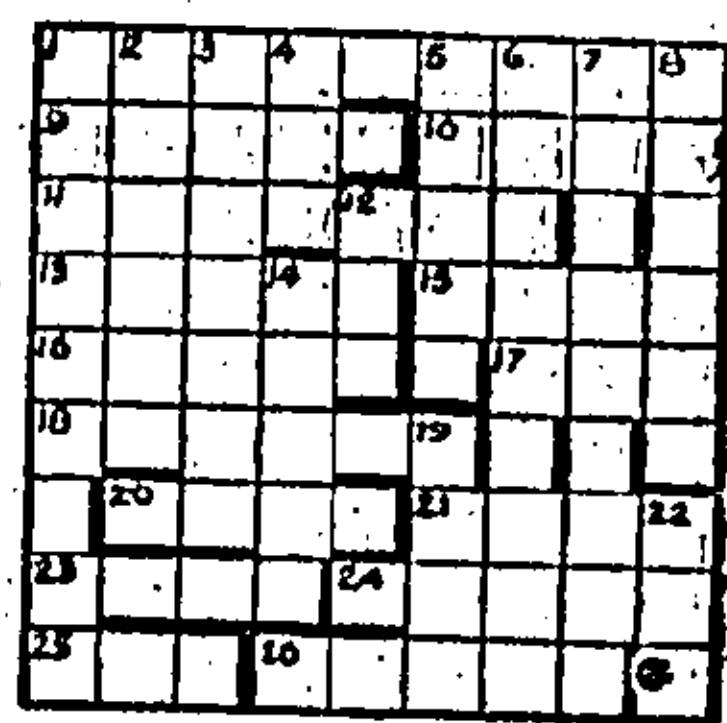
Hitler will reappear disguised as Father Christmas at a party given to German children by the last British regiment in Hamburg.

He will announce that his patience is exhausted again.

Then a Frenchman will thumb his nose at a German and that will be it.

Christmas 1951 in Britain will be spent in deep shelters with no turkeys.

Note: The astrologer Old Moore Gubbins can't see further into 1952. In his present state of depression he believes there is nothing to see.

CROSSWORD**According To Culbertson**

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Of all the bids in bridge, the cue bid in the opponents' suit is perhaps the most dangerous one with which to "monkey." North learned that lesson in to-day's deal:

South, dealer:

North-South vulnerable.

North

♦ K 9 7 4

♦ Q 5 4 3

+ K 8 6 5 2

WEST ♠ A K J 8 5 3 ♣ Q 10 9 6 4

♦ B 8

♦ J 10 8

+ K 9 6 2

+ Q 10 7 + J 9

SOUTH

+ 7 2

+ A Q J 10 6 2

+ A 7

+ A 4 3

The bidding:

North: 1 No Trump, 3 Spades (1) 3 Hearts, Pass

South: 1 No Trump, 3 Spades (1) 3 Hearts, Pass

West: 1 No Trump, 3 Spades (1) 3 Hearts, Pass

East: 1 No Trump, 3 Spades (1) 3 Hearts, Pass

As he said later (with considerable bitterness), South "felt like a sissy" when he went to bid only a small slam after North's cue bid in the opponents' suit. That, however, was what he said after he had gone down

a trick at the "conservative" six-heart contract!

West, duly impressed by North's control-showing bid, opened the diamond jack, and thereby established a diamond trick for his side before South could set up clubs.

Thus, as may be seen, North's bid was bid in more ways than one. It not only misled South as to the general strength he would find opposite him, but simultaneously it warned the enemy away from the opening lead, a spade, which would have allowed South to make a small slam.

A cue bid in the opponents' suit is not used by experts to show merely the first-round control of that suit—it is virtually worthless on that sole basis. It is used for the dual purpose of announcing control and a strong supporting hand i.e., strong not only distributionally but in high cards. It is true that North had good support for hearts, but a hand containing only two kings and one queen—a total of 1-plus honour-tricks—can scarcely be regarded as containing many high cards. The utter lack of aces, for one thing, ruled out the immediate cue bid. North's hand was worth a simple free raise to two hearts.

Down

1. Quite enough to menace Tim. (4)

2. Matilda. (6)

3. Mrs. *Matilda* is the making of him. (7)

4. The Maids' hole of holes. (6)

5. To come back to a pretender. (4)

6. *Matilda* according to the poets. (5)7. *Matilda* ahead. (6)8. *Matilda* the apish. (6)

9. Mix-up. (4)

10. *Matilda* fighting. (4)11. *Matilda* for a change. (4)

12. Where the head boy goes. (5)

13. He was a traitor. (5)

14. Quite enough to menace Tim. (4)

15. Must an R.A. come from home? (7)

16. The temper of a fireman. (8)

17. One way, the cheat tie. (9)

18. The sort to make him smile. (6)

19. A clumsy pitch. (5)

20. Hebelton colour. (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle: 1. *Matilda*. 2. *Queen*. 3. *Octopus*. 4. *Tim*. 5. *Matilda*. 6. *Spud*. 7. *Matilda*. 8. *Matilda*. 9. *Matilda*. 10. *Matilda*. 11. *Matilda*. 12. *Matilda*. 13. *Matilda*. 14. *Matilda*. 15. *Matilda*. 16. *Matilda*. 17. *Matilda*. 18. *Matilda*. 19. *Matilda*. 20. *Matilda*. 21. *Matilda*. 22. *Matilda*. 23. *Matilda*. 24. *Matilda*. 25. *Matilda*. 26. *Matilda*. 27. *Matilda*. 28. *Matilda*. 29. *Matilda*. 30. *Matilda*. 31. *Matilda*. 32. *Matilda*. 33. *Matilda*. 34. *Matilda*. 35. *Matilda*. 36. *Matilda*. 37. *Matilda*. 38. *Matilda*. 39. *Matilda*. 40. *Matilda*. 41. *Matilda*. 42. *Matilda*. 43. *Matilda*. 44. *Matilda*. 45. *Matilda*. 46. *Matilda*. 47. *Matilda*. 48. *Matilda*. 49. *Matilda*. 50. *Matilda*. 51. *Matilda*. 52. *Matilda*. 53. *Matilda*. 54. *Matilda*. 55. *Matilda*. 56. *Matilda*. 57. *Matilda*. 58. *Matilda*. 59. *Matilda*. 60. *Matilda*. 61. *Matilda*. 62. *Matilda*. 63. *Matilda*. 64. *Matilda*. 65. *Matilda*. 66. *Matilda*. 67. *Matilda*. 68. *Matilda*. 69. *Matilda*. 70. *Matilda*. 71. *Matilda*. 72. *Matilda*. 73. *Matilda*. 74. *Matilda*. 75. *Matilda*. 76. *Matilda*. 77. *Matilda*. 78. *Matilda*. 79. *Matilda*. 80. *Matilda*. 81. *Matilda*. 82. *Matilda*. 83. *Matilda*. 84. *Matilda*. 85. *Matilda*. 86. *Matilda*. 87. *Matilda*. 88. *Matilda*. 89. *Matilda*. 9

Women This Space Every Day
BEAUTY ARTS
By LOIS LEEDS



Posed by Jane Wyman for Lois Leeds.

MONEY HAIRDO!

Here's a new hairdo which an amazing title—and a good one, too, both title and hairdo!

Attractive star Jane Wyman, in Warner Brothers' "Night and Day" models this new short style.

The curls should not be rolled tight but round and flat, about the size of a silver dollar. Place these "dollar curl" around the sides and front. The back hair should be rolled in curl about the size of a half dollar, rolled and flat. It is smart to use a comb when making your "money hairdo."

Use your fingers to comb out the curls after they are set. Just break up the curl with your fingers, then comb the hair shape and comb the hair. This is a charming style and looks in almost any young woman.

Facts About Hair

Hair doesn't grow just because you want it! It grows when you are healthy and your diet is good.

You must brush your hair, you must massage your scalp. Don't expect your hair to grow if you don't brush it because you need a "few licks" with a hair brush.

You know it affects the strength and beauty of your hair.

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Do you know that if your hair is dry you need more fats and oils in your diet? Do you know that it is better for your posture to sleep on a hard bed than on a soft one? Do you know that you can get false eyelashes and false fingernails once again?

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



These are some of the homes they recommend—can you imagine us in there in ten years or so, with nine kids?"

"Hollywood A Vulgar, Artificial Place"

—Miss Australia

"I wouldn't take a dozen Hollywoods for Brisbane," declared Miss Rhonda Kelly, ("Miss Australia") when she arrived back in Australia from her tour of England, Europe and America.

"Hollywood is a showy, vulgar, artificial, unnatural, and circus-like place," Miss Kelly declared, in what will probably go down as the most forthright statement about the film colony yet made.

Miss Kelly's companion, Miss Rhoda Feigle, said that acting in England was on a much higher plane than in America, but dramatists in America were achieving far more than English dramatists.

Some of the Hollywood stars are charming, Miss Kelly observed, "but lots of them are uninteresting, artificial, vulgar, and dumb. Small scenes have to be taken, and taken again. The actors and actresses—most of them—seem so shallow."

Paris and London are marvellous, Miss Kelly said. Paris bears few war scars, and though England shows much more damage, London still fascinates the traveller.

Getting back to Hollywood, Miss Kelly, mentioned a number of stars for whom she had only admiration, and whom she excluded from her criticisms. Frank Sinatra, Margaret O'Brien, Jose Iturbi, Gene Kelly, Jimmy Durante, Betty Grable, and James Craig were some she met.

"Sinatra has a wonderful natural personality, and is charming," she said. "Jimmy Durante is funny off the screen than on—he kept me in gales of laughter," Miss Kelly added.

"Some of the stars—I watched them, and heard them, on the set—forget their lines, fumble, forget what they are told, and generally act like dumbbells."

Canadian press dispatches, however, quoted reliable sources in Ottawa as saying that the current status of a dust by-product of the Chalk River National Research Council pilot plant was largely that of an industrial hazard, and that efforts were being made to keep the microscopic particles of toxic poison from getting into scientists' lungs and destroying them.

Canada is not developing the dust for military purposes, these sources were reported to have said, but in any future war, she quite probably could and would.

Defence Minister Brooke Claxton, said in Ottawa that by-products of the Chalk River research might be used for science. —Associated Press.

NO SCREEN TEST

"I was asked to have a screen test but declined. I wouldn't take a dozen Hollywoods for Brisbane."

American and Canadian girls study the art of make-up to a much greater extent than Australian girls ever think about, Miss Kelly said.

"As to men, they seem much the same, all over the world," she said. "And children—well, American children seem to grow up much faster than our children, and lose their youth quicker."

She said she thought the "Miss Australia" tour a very good idea on the angle of goodwill, but there should be a manager to arrange any future tours.

CAT HELD UP FOURTH TEST MATCH

A grey cat which wandered on to the Adelaide Oval held up play in the Fourth Test.

The cat wandered on to the ground at the Cathedral end and began to dig a hole.

Laughter broke out all around the ground as the crowd craned necks to see the cat.

The roar of laughter grew so loud that play stopped.

Miller, who was bowling, doubled up with laughter as the cat sat over the wicket.

Bradman approached Umpire Dorwick to have the cat put off the oval, but amid roars of laughter the cat covered up the hole and walked serenely back through the pitch.

During the Third Test, at Melbourne a man wearing his shirt outside his trousers wandered on to the ground and held up play for some minutes.

He had to be escorted off the ground by police.

A dog which strolled on to the ground at Hobart during the English team's game against an Australian XI also held up play for some minutes.

Girls Betray Deserters

Women are the betrayers of Allied deserters in Italy, Italian police say.

There are 3,000 known Allied deserters in Italy, and the foreign branch of the Italian police now employ scores of Italian girls as spies.

Said an Italian detective: "Those deserters not discovered by our girls are often betrayed by some other jealous or disappointed girl friend."

"There is not one Allied deserter at large who does not get himself tangled up with some woman."

"The woman often keeps him with her own money until they quarrel and he tries to leave her. Then his number is up."

CHOCOLATE FOR GERMAN KIDS

To improve their diet, a piece of chocolate will be issued every five days to Berlin schoolchildren.

"They will be required to take it as soon as they receive it, to make sure it is not taken home to be sold by parents on the black market."

A similar piece of chocolate is worth 10 pfennig on the black market. This is enough as many workers earn in a week, after paying taxes and social insurance.

MAN WHO LOVES WILL FORGIVE

"If the man loves the girl, he'll forgive."

Miss Elida Oliver, social welfare officer, whose work for unmarried mothers was praised by the medical officer for Richmond (Surrey, England), in his annual report, has the secret for her success.

She explained, "Above all we encourage the girls to keep their own children."

"I think there is nothing to take the place of a mother's love—a child never feels so secure as when its mother is looking after it."

Although many unmarried mothers say at first that they will get their babies adopted, Miss Oliver considers that "hardly one per cent" of them fail to be real mothers to their children.

Self-Sacrifice

She said, "I have a great respect for some of these girls. They sometimes stagger me by their generosity and self-sacrifice for their children."

"The ideal thing is for them to marry and make a real home."

"It has been my experience over eight years that if the man is the right sort and is fond of the girl it does not make any difference that she has had a child by another man."

Miss Oliver, 33, pleasant and smartly dressed, said of her job, "I would rather do it than any other."

More Support For Welsh Nationalism

Welsh nationalism, a potent factor in British history since the first Norse invaders swept across the island, is steadily rising again behind demands for semi-independence from British rule.

The Liberal Party has begun a campaign supporting the Welsh aspirations, apparently in an effort to gain electoral strength in its increasing drive to regain a position of government influence.

Welsh feeling rose sharply recently after the government rejected demands by Welsh members of Parliament for a separate Secretary of State for Wales. Since then Welsh nationalist candidates have gained broader support.

The Liberals in their bid for Welsh support, which reached a high point under Mr Lloyd George, have campaigned for a separate Welsh administrative officer and for a Welsh legislature.

The Liberal Party recently approved a resolution saying it was aiming "at devolution of Welsh affairs to a Welsh legislative body so as to enable the Welsh nation to take its rightful place in the union of British peoples." —Associated Press.

PLANNED TO WED, BUT DIED

Twenty-year-old Australian boxer, Reg. Bunker, who died from injury he received in a bout recently, had planned to marry on the money he earned in the ring.

"My son hoped to marry in 12 months' time on the money he made out of the game," said his father, who had maintained a vigil besides his bed in Hospital.

"Bunker was a clean-living, hard working boy, who saved his money. He had been fighting for only four years, and had had 40 fights. He had been beaten five times, and hoped he would go to the top."

"While his mother was alive she was very much against him fighting, but I always thought that so long as he was in perfect condition he would come to no harm."

Sagred at Ropes

In the last round of his 12-rounds bout with James Hogg, Bunker sagged against the ropes.

Referee Art Mawson noticed that he seemed exhausted, stopped the fight and gave the decision to Hogg on a technical knock-out.

Police have been told that the fight was a clean one.

Luzon Railway Repairs Near Completion

Opening of Luzon's trunk railway line from Manila, 250 miles south to the port of Legaspi Bay, at the foot of the Mayon Volcano, will be completed this month, according to Mr Fernando Sison, general manager of the government-controlled Manila Railroad Company.

The line is already complete except for a long bridge knocked out by American bombers two years ago near the Los Baños internment camp, which is the last of the 328 spans of the company's lines destroyed during the war to be repaired.

The United States Army rehabilitated 448 kilometres of track from the liberation until a year ago when the line was returned to Philippines control.

The government now has 849 kilometres, nearly 80 per cent of the main lines in operation but is greatly handicapped by lack of rolling stock.

British bondholders have substantial interest in the line, which was built by English engineers for the Spanish government in 1880. —Associated Press.

High Birthrate To Stay

Present increased birthrates in Britain and Australia are not likely to fade out, as they did after World War I.

This was stated by Sir William Fletcher Shaw, president of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

The majority of patients were not taking their doctors about birth control, but about how to overcome sterility, he said.

Maintenance of the high birth rate would depend on social services, housing, cost of food and domestic help.

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—ANNIE GUNN

—JOHN HAGEN

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U.S. Fleet May Leave China

Washington, Feb. 18. United States naval forces may soon withdraw from China in the wake of State Department mediators and departing Marines. It was indicated here to-day.

Admiral Charles Cooke, Jr., commanding the United States Fleet at Tsingtao, is due here to-morrow for a conference on the "changing situation in China," Navy officials said.

Since Admiral Cooke's fleet is originally composed of light carriers, destroyers and cruisers assigned to China to support the American mediation policy, the Navy has been expecting the force to depart from China after General Marshall's recall.

The ships may be transferred to Guam or Saipan.

The Admiral is understood to favour maintaining the naval strength in the Far East to assist in stabilising economic conditions there.

Whether American Navy personnel at Tsingtao, assisting in the training of Chinese sailors, will depart if the Fleet is recalled, is not disclosed.—Associated Press.

Moscow Attacks U.S.-Canada Pact

Moscow, Feb. 18. The Soviet paper, Izvestia, declared to-day that Canada was turning over its territory and army to the United States in preparation for aggression.

The newspaper labelled the recently announced U.S.-Canadian agreement an "iron fist in a velvet glove." The Izvestia commentator said the agreement was "evil" and "had nothing in common with the interests of peace."

The United States and Canada announced on February 12 that without entering into a formal treaty or binding agreements, they intended to continue in peacetime their close wartime collaboration for the military security of the North American continent. United training, standardisation of arms and use of each other's military, naval and air facilities were agreed upon.—Associated Press.

GREEK LABOUR COMPLAINTS

Athens, Feb. 18. A former official of the Greek General Confederation of Labour, who was banned last year, told the United Nations Commission investigating Greek complaints of violations that 43 Trade Union leaders and members had been murdered and 63 imprisoned or exiled.

He contended that "this widespread persecution of Labour leaders in Greece is an important factor in the civil war."—Reuter.

WINTER STORMS IN EUROPE

London, Feb. 18. Winter storms piled snow on the British Isles and Western Europe to-day, and torrential rains soaked the Portuguese countryside, damaging grain and bean crops.

Weather forecasters report no signs of an early break in the cold wave, which has drained coal stocks to vanishing point and spread death and misery over a large area of the continent.—Associated Press.

Princess Sees Baby Sister

The Hague, Feb. 18. Princess Beatrix, the nine-year-old eldest daughter of Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, was allowed to hold her newly-born sister in her arms this morning. Prince Bernhard said to-day, "He added that all three princesses were excited" about their new sister.—Reuter.

Jap Raw Silk Exports

Tokyo, Feb. 18. SCAP's economic and scientific section announced to-day that post-war exports of Japanese raw silk up to February 7 were 88,027 bales, valued at approximately \$80,577,000. Of this only \$30,500 worth has been sold up to date.—United Press.

D'ARGENLIEU FLYING TO PARIS

Saigon, Feb. 18. Admiral Therry d'Argenlieu, High Commissioner for Indo-China, will leave Indo-China for Paris by air on Thursday morning, according to well-informed French sources.

About 10 days ago the Admiral was recalled for consultations by the French Premier, M. Paul Ramadier. His return has been delayed owing to an accident in which he sustained a leg injury.—Reuter.

Train Derailment Kills Ten

Altoona, Pennsylvania, Feb. 18. Ten persons were killed and "around 80 injured" in the derailment of the Pennsylvania Railroad's "Red Arrow" Detroit, to New York passenger train, a railroad spokesman reported.—Associated Press.



Appeal For Foreign Assistance To China

New York, Feb. 18. The Chinese Ambassador, Dr Wellington Koo, in a speech to-day at the China-America Council of Commerce and Industry conference, expressed confidence in President Chiang's stringent measures to rescue the tottering Chinese economy. He said: "When carried out, not only by the Chinese people but also by those who are interested in Chinese economy, they will bear the fruit it is hoped, they will produce."

The speech carried a consistent undertone of appeal to the United States for increased aid on the scale tended to by friendly Western nations which are also suffering economic ills as a result of the war.

Dr. Koo said: "Like other nations, China received financial aid from the United States since the end of the war, but the amount was limited. Apart from the aid given by UNRRA, she received about \$143,000,000, compared with \$4,400,000,000 for Great Britain and \$2,420,000,000 for France."

He pointed out that the minimum programme for relief and rehabilitation worked out by the Chinese Government at the war's end called

WINGATE REMEMBERED BY JEWS

Jerusalem, Feb. 18. The first of 10,000 trees in a plantation on Mount Gilboa, to be provided in memory of the late Major-General Charles Orde Wingate, were planted this morning in the presence of Mrs Golda Meyerzon, the political head of the Jewish Agency.

The memorial forest is being provided under a scheme organised and financed by the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund.

Doctor Chaim Weizmann, the late president of the World Zionists, sent a message describing Wingate as "one of the brightest men among the nations of the world."

Wingate first won the hearts of the Jews when he spoke to them in Hebrew in Palestine before the war.

He won the Distinguished Service Order leading Jewish guerrilla forces against Arab terrorism. He was killed in an air crash in 1944 while commanding his Chindit forces in Burma.—Reuter.

Baseball Hitch In Mexico

Mexico City, Feb. 18. Mr Jorge Piquiel, president of the Mexican Baseball League, which went \$250,000 into the red last season to hire higher salaries, is to grow with an ultimatum—that hold-outs must sign up immediately or the Mexican League will not play this season.

Most of the hold-outs are at present playing in the Cuban winter league.

The League normally would start the season in mid-March, but the majority of its players, chiefly Cubans, Mexicans and American negroes, have formed a hold-out bloc.—United Press.

Both Americans and Chinese agree that the new exchange rate of C\$12,000 to US\$1 is a "more realistic" evaluation, and will promote trade which has been stagnant because of the previous artificial rate.

It is also learned that Chinese spokesmen confided to Americans that more money will be available in China for the purchase of imports than generally thought, but China is husbanding her financial resources and will continue to give preference to capital goods.

Speakers at the closed sessions included Loy Chang, representative of the Ministry of Finance; Dr D. K. Lieu, Commercial Counsellor to the Chinese Embassy; Dr S. P. Lodus, Chairman of the China-America Council's legislative committee; H. H. Wang, representative of the Ministry of Commerce; Dr P. W. Tsou, representative of the Ministry of Agriculture; and Carl Neprud, official in the Chinese Customs Administration for more than 30 years.—United Press.

The reports alleged that the "spy ring" was working against Bulgaria and Soviet Russia, and that members who had been arrested would be tried by a military tribunal. The Agency said it was authorised to deny all the Greek reports.—Reuter.

Disagreements On Germany Remain

Berlin, Feb. 18. Top Allied Control officials working out joint report on Germany for the Foreign Ministers' meeting in Moscow have failed so far to resolve any of the major disagreements which have hampered the Four-Power control machinery here for six months. Lieutenant-General Lucius D. Clay said to-day,

"He declared: "At the present moment I am not too happy about the report, but many matters of worry may be settled by February 26."—Associated Press.

BA MAWS PARTY WON'T PLAY

Rangoon, Feb. 18. Mahabandha, the party of which Dr Ba Maw, one-time premier of Burma, is the leader, to-day pledged "all-out effort to wreck the Aung San-Atlee agreement." The party, which has concluded a three-day session, passed a resolution not to participate in the forthcoming elections and "Constituent Assembly" and to prevent voting by the public by every possible means.—Reuter.

FIRE DESTROYS 50 PLANES

Copenhagen, Feb. 18. Fifty planes ready for delivery abroad were destroyed during the night here in a fire which burned down Denmark's only aircraft factory, "Scandinavian Aero Industry."

A Danish Dakota carrying night mail made a forced landing last night on ice in Oersund, off the Swedish port of Malmoe. It caught fire but the crew escaped.—Reuter.

ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

6,000 Guests

Capetown, Feb. 18. Pipers played "The Road to the Isles" as the Royal Family passed down lanes of bowing guests at the Westbrooke estate of the Governor of South Africa, Mr G. Brand Van Syl, this afternoon when about 6,000 guests attended a Royal garden party.

Guests commented on the vitality and freshness of the Royal Family.

The Queen was wearing a white chiffon gown with a wide hat with both Princesses were also in white. The King wore a white uniform.

Male guests were mostly in strictly formal attire, but a few dark lounge suits and tropical suits were seen. The feminine guests' dresses revealed every known colour, and hats ranged from Gainsborough models to port Parisian styles.

Matrons and elderly men forgot decorum and clambered on chairs to catch a glimpse of the Royal Family.

Earlier the Royal Family departed from their programme, visiting Kirsbosch botanical gardens with the Prime Minister, Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts. They spent half an hour admiring the South African flowers.

To-night the Royal visitors will attend a civic ball given by the Capetown Council. —Associated Press.

Proud Day for Rhodes

New York, Feb. 18. The New York Times, commenting on the Royal tour of South Africa, said editorially to-day,

"It would have been a proud hour for Cecil Rhodes, empire builder, if he could have looked down on Capetown yesterday from his memorial on Table Mountain. If there are any cracks in the bonds which link South Africa to the Commonwealth, none was visible."

Comparing the arrival with "the gloomy scenes at home in ice-bound, darkened, care-worn England" the newspaper said:

"There people ridden by hardship and grimly wrestling with troubles that seem almost insuperable, see afar off great segments of British influence and power slipping irretrievably out of the Imperial orbit."

Egypt—gone, Palestine is struggling towards independence, India and Burma are going, but South Africa will stay.

"Britain's socialist government has joined forces with Premier Smuts to keep this key to the Commonwealth firmly within the Commonwealth."—Associated Press.

Money for Imports

Although the meetings of the China-American Council were closed, it was learned that the government's announcement to withdraw from operation of many industries was enthusiastically greeted by official Chinese Government representatives here, as well as U.S. businessmen with interests in China.

It was reported that Chinese official spokesman here expressed confidence that the steps promised by Chiang would be effectively carried out.

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IRA SAID RESUMING ACTIVITY

Belfast, Feb. 18. Attorney General William Lowry told the Ulster House of Commons to-day that the Irish Republican Army—Ireland's violently nationalist underground group—was busily reorganising for renewed activity.

Lowry said that the Government of Northern Ireland planned to retain its special wartime powers for action against illegal political organisations.

"The rascality and violence of the IRA is no surprise to us, and we intend to be ready for it," Lowry said.

He said specially trained Ulster constabulary squads had been carrying out widespread searches for illegal weapons.

The IRA, which came to prominence in the Irish "troubles" following the first World War, has since been outlawed in Eire as well as Northern Ireland.—Associated Press.

Pilot Walks Over Frozen Sea

Copenhagen, Feb. 18. Frost-bitten and with face injuries, the British co-pilot of the Danish Dakota mail plane walked five kilometres in darkness over the frozen sea, to Malmoe on the Swedish coast, when his machine made a forced landing in fog last night.

Male guests were mostly in strictly formal attire, but a few dark lounge suits and tropical suits were seen. The feminine guests' dresses revealed every known colour, and hats ranged from Gainsborough models to port Parisian styles.

Behind him was the burning plane, ablaze for two hours, with the British pilot with a broken leg and a Danish radio operator named Blomgren with a broken collarbone and head injuries huddled beside it.

They were rescued by a Swedish ferry. To-night the co-pilot and the other members of the crew were in Copenhagen hospital and reported "out of danger." It has not been possible to question them and therefore investigation into the forced landing will not be completed until to-morrow.—Reuter.

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